Volos to Skiathos
The Gulf of Volos, Northern Evia and the Sporades islands
Proposed 2 week itinerary – weather permitting!

Volos – one of the larger cities on the northern mainland (population 110,000), easily accessible by direct flights to Volos (Nea Ancheallos) Airport, or by flights to Thessaloniki in the north, Athens in the South or Skiathos island. From Athens and Thessaloniki train, bus or taxi to Volos. From Skiathos, ferry or hydrofoil to Volos.

Day 1 – Saturday: Embark Volos in the afternoon. Provision the yacht. In the evening, dine at one of the many famous ‘tsipouro’ (ouzo/fish) restaurants on the seafront, near the reconstructed ship ‘The Argo’, with which Jason set off from Volos on his quest to find the Golden Fleece.

Day 2 – Sunday: Depart in the morning for a sail in the gulf of Volos. Swim-stops along the coast could include the villages of Gazea, Horto or Milina. Overnight at Trikeri island. Dine at one of the two popular tavernas there.

Day 3 – Monday: Free sailing in the morning and swimstops in the bays around the south of the gulf. Stop for lunch in one of the bays on the east of the bay or at the traditional fishing village of Agios Kyriaki. (Hike up to the mountaintop village if you’re feeling energetic). In the afternoon sail to the popular holiday resort on the north of Evia island ‘Orei’ and dine at one of the many tavernas there.

Day 4 – Tuesday: Sail towards Skiathos island and have a swimstop at the small bay of ‘Chondri Ammos’ or at the famous ‘Koukounaries’ golden sandy beach on Skiathos. In the afternoon head for ‘Panormos’, the famous lagoon like bay, surrounded by pine trees on the west of Skopelos island. Anchor in the bay and have dinner on board or take the dinghy to shore to eat at one of the tavernas on the beach.

Day 5 – Wednesday: Sail along the southern coast of Skopelos. Visit the small fishing village of ‘Agnondas’ to stop up on supplies or to eat the famous ‘lobster spaghetti’
served at one of the tavernas here. Swim-stop in the afternoon at Stafylos bay or continue on to Patitiri, the capital of ‘Alonissos’ island. Stock up on fuel, provisions, and buy souvenirs from the gift shops.

Day 6 – Thursday: Sailing northwards along the eastern coast of Alonissos and stopping for a swim in one of the small bays on the islet of Peristera. Overnight at the popular sailors’ village of ‘Steni Valla’ for a tranquil evening, good food, perhaps some live bouzouki if one of the locals wants to play.

Day 7 – Friday: Sailing northwards to Kyra Panagia. Here we begin to leave civilisation behind and enter the world of tranquillity.

Day 8 – Saturday: free sailing around Kyra Panagia and Gioura. Here you will see some fantastic deserted beaches and bays and experience the solitude of nature. Anchor in a bay at night and see more stars in the sky than you ever knew existed, far from the noise and light of the big towns.

Day 9 – Sunday: Gioura and Piperi – this area is near the protected Sea park, home to Monachus Monachus, the Mediterranean Monk Seal and one of the most endangered mammals in Europe. You are not allowed to fish here or drop anchor near their breeding grounds, but you may be lucky enough to see one, or at least some dolphins.

Day 10 – Monday: Sail back towards Alonissos, perhaps spending the night in one of the sheltered bays on the northern tip of the island.

Day 11 – Tuesday: Sail down the west side of Alonissos towards Skopelos. Arrive Skopelos Town (capital ‘Chora’) in the late afternoon and spend the evening in the town, which is full of little churches and chapels, gift shops, tavernas, etc.

Day 12 – Wednesday: Sail around the northern side of the island towards the villages of Glossa (for lunch) and Klima (for dinner) on the west of the island.

Day 13 – Thursday: Short sail across to Skiathos. Swimstop at one of the little islands opposite. Arrive mid afternoon to berth and spend the evening in this famous tourist hotspot.

Day 14 – Friday: disembark in the morning after breakfast. Give your skipper a huge tip 😊 and take away the best memories!!

*Flights from Skiathos airport to Athens or other international airports. Ferries to Volos or Agios Konstantinos for a bus connection to Athens.*

Please remember that all itineraries are subject to weather conditions and are an indication only. In the Sporades islands the winds usually come from the north and east which makes the southern route better protected. Difficulties may be experienced crossing the north of Alonissos and Skopelos islands and in strong winds (over 6 Beaufort scale) it would be safer – and more comfortable – to return along the south side of the islands. In the event that the weather makes sailing difficult for a number of days at any point it would be necessary to leave out a few of the indicated ports of call. When there is a professional skipper on board he will be best able to advise you and he has the final say on all decisions regarding itinerary in any case.